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Report of the Womans Executive Committee of Home Missions. March 31st 1883

To the Board of Home-Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America

Gentlemen,

We are able this year to report all but four of the Synods connected with our General Assembly as having appointed those Woman's Synodical Committees of Home-Missions, upon the existence of which the uniform and systematic prosecution of our work as a part of that of the Church itself is based. Contributions to our Treasury have come in however from every Synod.

A printed list of the 414 Women now held responsible to the various Synods for supporting the School-department of Home-Missions, and who are bound together in and by our Executive Committee, with head-quarters in New-York City is herewith presented.

We have reason to thank God that during the past year decided advance has been made in the line of unification of effort especially in regard to that undertaken in the Synod of New York. Several of our number, as is ever to be expected, have been called to higher service than can even be rendered here below. We have to record

the death of Mrs Thos. Frazer of Oakland Cal-
ifornia, an early and efficient helper in this
Cause:— of Mrs D. S. Johnson whose interest in
our work, shown in every way in her power, a
year ago at her home in Springfield Illinois,
makes us realize the more the loss to us in
her removal hence—; and again that of Mrs.
J. L. Graham of New York, so well known as
a leader in pioneer Mission work in our own
land as elsewhere, and who, in view of her past
services, and as testimony of affectionate respect,
was made at its organization Dec 13th 1882, the
President of the Womans Synodical Committee of
Home Missions in Synod of New York—" These
all died in the faith, and their works do
follow them."

Our Treasurer's Report herewith submitted
gives the amount of money received from each
Synod— amounting in all to $ 7
Value of "Boxes of Clothing etc" reported to our
Committee $ 30.485.30 making in all a total
of $

In view of the great wants to be supplied, the
above seems but a beginning of what should be
done in the future—

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57 Teachers are employed in Utah & Idaho
" " " " Alaska
" " " " New Mexico
" " " " Indian Territory.
" " " " Arizona
" " " " South Colorado

Five more are under appointment — to commence work D.V. next September — Many promising applications are on hand.

Much new work is projected. We wait the approval of your Board, and the prospect of sufficient funds in hand, in order to take it up as promptly as possible. Every year's delay is of more than double loss in such a work as this.

The women and children of our Church seem ready to support Mission schools in proportion as the call for their establishment is made known to them. Experience has proved it to be wise economy therefore, to print and circulate during the past year leaflets amounting in all to pages. A list of all the publications in hand, with specimen copies, is also herewith presented.

We have reason to bless God for good accomplished by means of recent Home Missionary Conventions held in Synods of New Jersey, Penn^a., Illinois, Ohio and New York.

We cordially thank the pastors and Synodical Missionaries who by their efficient aid, have helped make these Conventions a success.

The annual Meetings also of many Presbyterial Home Missionary Societies, now organized, have tended greatly to increase interest in this Cause in its every department.

Now at the commencement of another year, we desire to reach forth to those things that are before" The Lord is opening the way for an onward movement.

It is the universal voice of those best able to judge, that in the education of the, especially in their being trained into the Knowledge of the Gospel, lies the best hope that Mormonism may be undermined, and the Indian be elevated to a recognized place as a Christian Citizen.

All which is respectfully submitted

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March 31, 1883

Supplementary Report in regard to Work done in the Synods—

A few words, not amounting to even a cursory report, in regard to work accomplished in the twenty-one Synods in this Country, which are connected with our General Assembly, may be acceptable.

It will be noticed that, by consolidation effected since our last Annual Meeting, the number of Synods, carrying with it that of our Synodical Com^tees, has been reduced, while yet the Women, in more Presb^ries than ever before, have become organized for this Home-Mission work.

The Statistics of receipts and expenditures appear in our Treasurer's Report.— Our books are open to inspection. "Boxes" as reported to our Com^tee have gone to 220 pastors, 28 Mission-Schools, and 4 to other Institutions.

Synod of Atlantic. It has not been thought expedient by this Synod, as yet, to appoint a Woman's Synodical Com^tee of Home-Missions. Much good work however is being done in same line by Christian women scattered through the four great states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, right at their own doors. We are hopeful of more direct official union with them, that "from eastern coast to western" of our common country, may "more quickly flash the light."

A teacher from Georgia has been accepted for work in Utah. Others with excellent recommendations

are waiting for commission. One of the pastors writes, "It will be a day of thanksgiving when our Home-Board sees the way open to work for the poor whites of the South."

Baltimore. We thank the Synod of Baltimore for appointing this last October a Woman's Synodical Com.tee of Home-Missions. We suggest respectfully that the number of its members be doubled.

While some of the churches have done nobly, especially in sending "Boxes of clothing etc," to Home-Missionary families, too much responsibility as to stimulating the work at large, rests upon ~~three~~ Christian-Women, - one only in each Presbytery.

It takes time and effort to bring before the Women of our church the fact that by express direction of the General Assembly, the Board of Home-Missions, can establish schools among Indians, Mexicans and Mormons only as they, the women and children, supply the means necessary for this purpose.

Colorado. If this grand Synod, embracing as it does some of our more important Mission fields, had done nothing this year but give to our aid the daughter of one of its Home-Missionaries Rev. Lewis Hamilton, its share of the work we might consider bravely done.

Mrs Chs E. Walker needs no introduction now in Illinois, Ohio, etc.

Most interesting accounts have come to us of the Meetings of the Presbytery of Utah, attended sometimes by nearly fifty of our Missionary teachers, who on these occasions strengthen and encourage each other in the work. How many more towns and villages might be occupied. The Mormons can send, via the city of New York in one day, sixty Missionaries, some for New England, New Jersey, and other points near the Atlantic coast. While a part take Steamer for England and Wales, for Sweden, & for Switzerland.

In the mean time, what is the great Presbyterian Church doing to counteract such propogandism? Direct attack may be of little avail. The Missionary teacher may lay the best ambushments to meet these outgoing Mormon emissaries on their return, bringing with them many followers to join the cruelly-deluded people, now congregated in Utah, and the adjacent Territories.

Columbia. The women on this far-western border do not allow the Rocky Mts. to shut out from their view the great work to be done in the heart of our land. While help is given by them in planting the gospel at their own doors, they have begun to do the same among the exceptional population within our gates.

Of their own Synod, a pastor's wife writes "Oh we need laborers, true and loyal to our Master. So many places urge my husband to visit them. He has four regular preaching points, and five occasional ones. I wish one of the Secretaries could visit our fields, and stay long enough to see the great need of earnest workers."

Illinois. The Woman's Exc. Com^tee of Home-Missions feels greatly encouraged by the decided increase of interest in the work of Home-Missions, taken in this great Synod during the past year. Many prayers to this end were offered at meetings held at time of that of the Gen^l. Assembly at Springfield Ills. in May 1882. The plan carried out by the Synod's Committee, of which Rev. Geo. C. Noyes D.D. is chairman, of holding a series of short Home-Missionary Conventions all through the Synod, under the able leadership of Rev. C. S. Armstrong D.D. was greatly blessed of God to the above effect. Rev Timothy Hill D.D. Rev Thomas Marshall

and others, also did most efficient service.
We thank the above Com^tee for making it so easy for our Vice-President, Mrs Chs E. Walker, to present the School-department of the Board of Home-Missions, to the Women of Illinois.

The Woman's Synodical Committee of Home-Missions in this Synod was organized at Bloomington Ill. Feb. 18^th last with Mrs G. A. Tryon of Galesburg Pres^t, and Mrs A. Harwood of Champaign Sec.

Indiana. The reports received from the different Presbyteries, though necessarily incomplete, are of exceeding interest. Each one might be used as a text-on some special topic. Gifts have been sent in many directions.

The following words from the Com^tee in one Presbytery but typify feelings elsewhere expressed.

"The steady growth of the Societies is an encouragement to us to believe that the work of the past year is not a temporary flash of zeal, but rather an acknowledgment of the needs of the hour in the religious history of our country; and the response of a true consecration to the Service of Christ. If this is the real foundation of our work, we" thank God, and take courage."

Iowa. No Synodical Committee of Home Missions is yet appointed; yet we rejoice to know of good and increasing work accomplished. We cordially thank Societies and friends there for most timely gifts made to our Treasury.

Kansas. The Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions of the South-West, the Home Department of which is connected with our Woman's Exe. Com^tee, was held in March last at Topeka — an occasion as ever before of fresh inspiration to continued effort.

While Kansas itself is becoming able to support its own churches, the Synod by that name includes within its bounds that Territory of so unique character, where 31 tribes or parts of tribes of Indians are now congregated; "in us, but not of us" — a problem in our land. The gospel alone can give liberty to these virtual captives, as yet deprived the rights of man.

New mission-work is projected among them. We call especial attention to it.

Kentucky. There is prospect of nearer union with the Societies there this coming year; so writes a friend who is a prominent and successful leader among them, and a worker as well.

We believe experience will continue to prove that in unification there is advantage to work, in which there has already been common interest.

Michigan. Our Vice-President in Michigan has spent much time during the past year in Utah, and has sent us valuable information about the Mission-schools there. Her heart is much drawn out toward the teachers among the Mormons, especially in case of those supported by societies in Michigan. Michigan took early part in this Home-Mission work, and the Report of the Secretary of the Synodical Com^tee Mrs E. S. Moore, again comes to us in very business-like order,- though local societies as yet fail to send in complete returns. As Presbyterial Home-Missionary Societies become organized, this difficulty may be overcome.

Minnesota. There are earnest women in this Synod, working for Home-Missions under great discouragements. But perseverance, by the blessing of God, often works wonders, and we are hopeful as to the future.

Missouri. Reports in detail as to the efforts made for Home-Missions by the women of this Synod may be found included in that of the Woman's Board of the South-West.

Two more teachers, one in Utah, one in New Mexico now represent Missouri on Mission ground in our own land; while she, herself now no longer in the West, continues to make herself felt quite up into Alaska.

Nebraska. While as yet the work of Presbyterian Women
~~~~~ here for Home-Missions has no direct official connection with ours, it is still carried on in virtual co-operation with it, and we all mourn together the loss to the cause by the death of Rev. Dr Geo. L. Little.
His advice and assistance have more than once been of singular value to our Exe. Comtee.
The Societies in Nebraska support a teacher in Idaho, and take a share in other parts of the work, as carried on elsewhere.

New Jersey. How important it is in order to correct
~~~~~ representation that Societies should take pains to report work properly to the Synodical Secretary.
As New Jersey was pioneer in Synodical organization for Woman's Work in Home-Missions, and still meets her proportion in it so nobly, she can well bear a little reprimand. The Treasurer of our Exe. Comtee received last year $2,237.52 more from the Women of New Jersey, than appear from their own statements; — an error this in the right direction, and which may be repeated to some advantage. Is the above intended for praise or blame? Perhaps purposely left doubtful.
The Secretary in her annual report speaks of two Churches, those of Westminster at

Elizabeth, and Englewood, that each raise $450. a year, for the support of a Missionary Teacher.—
Several scholarships are taken elsewhere.
While acknowledging the comfort given to a number of Home-Missionary families by the many "Boxes" sent, especially from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, the Secretary pleads for more money for the establishment of Mission-Schools.

New York. Our Annual Report to the Board of Home-Missions makes mention of the great loss sustained by the Woman's Synodical Committee in this Synod, by the death of its President- Mrs. J. L. Graham, so soon after its organization December 13th 1882, and her own unanimous election to this office.

The recent action of the Ladies Board of Missions of New York in laying down the Home-department of their work, simplifies greatly the work for Home-Missions to be done by the women in this influential Synod.
It is hoped that gifts from all hearts and hands hitherto engaged in this Home Mission work will still flow in the same direction, although in the case of some, it may be through a different channel; and that the women in each of the 29 Presbyteries may unite in organization to prosecute it, from year to year, with ever increasing wisdom and determination.

Ohio. This Synod, in its new consolidated form, appointed last October a Woman's Synl. Committee of Home Missions, which about the same time organized for work, with Mrs. S. A. McMullin of Glendale as President. The Secretary Miss Alice C. Patterson says the Report this year can be but fragmentary. "In some Presbyteries there has been healthy growth, advance in funds raised, and in intelligent interest." The Presbytery of Cleveland has doubled its number of Societies. Cincinnati maintains its rank among the banner Presbyterial Home Mission Societies in the country, and supports teachers at three different stations in Utah. We thank some of the Societies there for remembering our "general fund".

A number of Home Missionary Conventions have been held in Ohio with encouraging success.

Pacific. Would that from every Synodical Committee had come to us a tabulated statement of receipts and expenditures as delightfully clear as that received from the far-off Pacific Coast. In five Presbyteries, the women together raised $1712.00, a large part of which however was expended for missions within their own bounds; while Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Alaska and New Mexico, all had a share in their remembrance.

Pennsylvania. Of this grand Synod what can we say but "What has God wrought?" Very efficient help had come to us during the past year from the four Synods now welded into one with scarcely a trace of former dividing lines; but now it seems, as if with manifest Presbyterian traits, the women of this magnificent body, resolute in spirit, though still partly asleep, were yet arousing to the "charge to Keep" we "have."—

Without disparagement to others, we may say there are grand women in this Synod. Some have gone themselves as Missionary teachers. Others are standing at various posts of influence, attracting and guiding others into the work they themselves have so much at heart.

In some sections, as in the well-watered gardens of Carlisle Presbytery, rapid progress has been made.— $1.000. has been raised during the last winter toward the "Home" needed at the Chilcat Mission, Alaska.

Home-Missionary Conventions have been held, at which stirring addresses were made by Rev. Alex. K. Baird, Rev. Timothy Hill D.D. and Rev. Sheldon Jackson. D.D.

The Women of Pennsylvania have organized Presbyterially for Home-Missions in all but four of its twenty-two Presbyteries.

The Synodical Com^tee, by recommendation ~~~

of the Synod itself, met at Carlisle, Nov. 6th 1882, and organized for work.— Its President Mrs S. S. Bryan asks "what proportion of the work Pennsylvania should do?" Difficult to answer this, My Sister, but with your 929 churches, and many loving hearts and hands, and we trust consecrated purses, Cannot you raise this year at least $ 30,000?

Tennessee. The Societies here have been greatly tried by the illness of their President and leader, Mrs C. H. McClung, which has compelled her to give up for a time, all attention to business. But no one rejoices more than she, in the fact that "the Lord reigns" and ever provides for the carrying on of His own work.

As in the past, Tennessee must attend to some of the destitutions in its own "hill-country" though still making contributions toward supplying those in "regions beyond".

Texas. With the increasing tide of population and business enterprize which new rail-roads are attracting into this great empire Synod, we trust there may come an increased overflow of effort to save our country, of which to own area forms so large a section.

We already hear of Societies here and there who send money

to us through the Woman's Board of the South-West; and of children of whose Band the dear grandmother is the cherished Queen; also of self-denials on the part of Home-Missionaries, such as must touch every heart.

Wisconsin. The Report from Wisconsin also comes in very clear and satisfactory form. The Societies there are organized for both Home and Foreign Missions. Besides sending money for Home-Missions proper they are, as elsewhere, doing much to sustain the gospel at their own doors.

As we close here at the North-West these brief notices of progress made in regard to Woman's work for Home-Missions in the twenty-one Synods constituting our Church in this Country, thoughts come to us irresistibly of the kind reception given to our Executive Com^tee at its Annual Meeting held three years ago at Madison, that City of ideal beauty, with which the name, Wisconsin must remain associated.

May we all go on into this current year, "looking unto Jesus"; and thus taught of Him and increasing more and more in Godly love, and all the fruits of righteousness, be consequently greatly "enriched to all bountifulness, causing through us, thanksgiving to God."

One of our recent "leaflets gives a sort of resumée of the work on hand, the names of the teachers employed etc. This appears also in the Annual Report of the Board of Home Missions.

If only we had money definitely in prospect, a number of well recommended teachers ~~xxx~~ ready for Commission, ~~xx~~ could begin work next September.

A Mission among the Papagoes in Arizona, those long tried "friends of the White race, is being provided for in and about Philadelphia. That among the Wild Creeks in the Indian Territory we commend to the immediate attention of the friends of the Indian, and of Home Missions.

We owe much of the increase in our receipts to the information given in the "Presbyterian Home Missionary," the circulation of which should be promoted by us all; and also to that spread abroad in our "leaflets" of varied character; and again under God to the interest at the many meetings addressed by Mr. Chas. E. Walker, and the Synodical Missionaries whose names have been mentioned above, and whose help we hope to secure again, as well as that of the many pastors, who have

planted seed already up springing toward a future harvest.

All these are but laborers in the field. It is the Lord of the Harvest Himself whose name we praise. He has commanded sun and shower, and all the blessing already received; and on Him alone we still hopefully depend for guidance and that success which He alone can give.

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Report of work done
in the Synods —
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